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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, NOVEMBER 14, 2002

JOINT APPLICATION OF

VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.

and

CASE NO. PUC-2000-00204

VERIZON SOUTH INC.

To expand local calling
between various exchanges

ORDER AUTHORIZING IMPLEMENTATION OF
SUPPLEMENTAL PHASE EXPANDED LOCAL CALLING

On August 29, 2002, Verizon Virginia Inc. ("Verizon Virginia") and Verizon South Inc. ("Verizon South") (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Joint Applicants") filed with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") a further Joint Application to Expand Local Calling in Part (hereinafter "supplemental Joint Application").¹ This supplemental Joint Application proposed to implement an additional intraLATA route that should be included in the expanded local calling plan ("ELCP"). This route is between Verizon Virginia's Mechanicsville exchange and Verizon South's Dawn exchange.

¹ Phased implementation of expanded local calling is in satisfaction of a condition of this Commission's approval of the Joint Applicants' merger, ordered November 29, 1999, in Case No. PUC-1999-00100.

In the Commission's Supplemental Order Prescribing Notice, issued September 13, 2002, ("September 13, 2002, Order") the Commission noted that customers in Verizon South's Dawn exchange would be billed in a higher rate group upon implementation of the ELCP. Therefore, in its September 13, 2002, Order, the Commission found that customers in the Dawn exchange should first receive notice and an opportunity to comment or request a hearing on whether to implement the expanded calling.

On October 24, 2002, Verizon South, by counsel, filed Proof of Notice to its customers in the Dawn exchange. In response to the notice given, one comment opposing the ELCP was filed in this case.

NOW THE COMMISSION, upon consideration of the supplemental Joint Application and with due regard to the comment filed, finds that the Joint Applicants should be authorized to implement the route between the Dawn and Mechanicsville exchanges in the supplemental phase of the ELCP. However, the Commission recognizes that some customers will experience increases in their basic local exchange service rates in the rate regrouping process to expand their local calling scopes.² Therefore, we further find that Verizon South should notify its customers in the Dawn exchange at the time of the ELCP

² The Commission recognizes that these options were also described in the information previously sent out with Verizon South's notice for comment.

implementation of applicable local exchange service options, including measured service and exchange only service. These service options may help mitigate the impact of the higher rates resulting from the subject regroupings.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) Joint Applicants shall implement the supplemental phase of the ELCP for the route between the Dawn and Mechanicsville exchanges.

(2) Verizon South shall give notice of applicable local exchange service options, including measured service and exchange only service, to their customers in the Dawn exchange upon the implementation of the supplemental phase of the ELCP.

(3) This case is continued generally.